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FOL REPEAT OF VIENTIANE 3571 TO SECSTATE BANGKOK GENEVA MANILA  
UDORN CANBERRA MAY 21

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S E C R E T VIENTIANE 3571

CANBERRA FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HABIB  
DEPT PASS SECRETARY KISSINGERS PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AEMR, LA

SUBJ: E AND E: US PRESENCE IN LAOS

REF: STATE 118308

1. WE ARE MOVING FORWARD WITH PLANS TO REDUCE OFFICIAL PRESENCE  
IN AS ORDERLY A MANNER AS POSSIBLE. 9 EMPLOYEES AND 26 DEPENDENTS  
HAD BEEN MOVED OUT ON REGULARLY SCHEDULED DAILY FLIGHTS  
SINCE SATURDAY. UNFORTUNATELY, A PART OF THE GROUP SCHEDULED FOR  
TODAY WAS CANCELLED OUT BECAUSE TRAVELERS' TICKETS AND PASSPORTS WERE  
IN OFFICES INACCESSIBLE TO US IN THE USAID COMPOUND. ARRANGEMENTS  
HAVE NOW BEEN MADE TO CHARTER DC-6 BIRD AIR PLANES TO MOVE  
GROUPS OF 80 FROM VIENTIANE TO BANGKOK. PROVIDED FLIGHT CLEARANCES  
ARE FORTHCOMING, THE FIRST FLIGHT IS SCHEDULED TO DEPART  
ON FRIDAY MAY 23 AT 1000 HOURS. ONWARD TRANSPORTATION TO THE U.S.  
WILL BE BY REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL AIR WHICH IS BEING

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ARRANGED BY CARRIER REPRESENTATIVES. STOPOVER TIME IN BANGKOK

WILL BE MINIMAL IN MOST CASES. THE SECOND GROUP OF 80 WILL  
GO OUT FRIDAY AFTERNOON OR SATURDAY MORNING DEPENDING ON  
CLEARANCES AND SIMILAR FLIGHTS WILL BE SCHEDULED AT REGULAR  
INTERVALS, DAILY IF POSSIBLE, UNTIL THE US OFFICIAL POPULATION  
REACHES AN ACCEPTABLE LEVEL. WILL SEND FULLER REPORT TOMORROW.  
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